

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claim 1, drawn to determining compensation values for luminance components in color image, classified in class 382, subclass 167; and

Group II, claims 2-20, drawn to luminance component extraction in color image, classified in class 382, subclass 163.

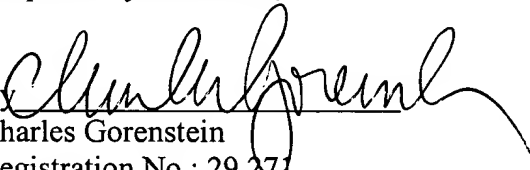
For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claim 1.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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